IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
O.O.C.J.
WRIT PETITION NO.859 OF 1987

Shrikrishna R. Kulkarni. .. .. Petitioner
v/s.
Union of India & ors. .. .. Respondents

None for petitioner.
Mr.P.Ramaswamy i/by Mulla & Mulla for res.No.2 & 3.
Mr.A.S. Rao for res.No.1.

CORAM : H.L. GOKHALE &
V.R. KINGAONKAR, JJ.

DATED : 2nd August 2006

ORAL JUDGMENT : (Per H.L.Gokhale, J.)

1. This matter was notified for "Rule for arguments" on our Board. It earlier appeared on 20th July 2006 when nobody was present for the petitioner. Mr.Ramaswamy appears for respondent No.2 and 3 and Mr.Rao for respondent No.1. Since nobody appeared for the petitioner, we adjourned the matter on 27th July 2006 to give one more opportunity to the petitioner. Thereafter also nobody has appeared.

2. The grievance in the petition is with respect to the directions given by the Central Government to Bombay Port Trust ("BPT" for short) on 7th October 1986 directing the BPT to give loans out of its surplus funds to the Nhava Sheva,

Cochin, Tuticorin and New Mangalore Port Trusts. The petitioner, who is a Trade Union Leader and who is also one of the trustees of the Trust for the BPT, has filed this petition making a grievance with respect to the various decisions. The petition has been only admitted, though there has not been any interim order therein. In view of the prayers in the petition, we had inquired with Mr.Ramaswamy as to what has happened with respect to the particular decision which was under challenge. Mr.Ramaswamy has taken instructions and has placed on record a copy of the letter dated 26th July 2006 addressed by the Deputy Chief Accounts Officer of the BPT to the Chief Law Officer. The letter gives the details of the loan given and the repayment made by the concerned Port Trusts which are as follows:-

Port Trust	Year of grant of loan	Amount (Rs.in crore)	Year of final repayment
New Mangalore	1986-87	0.92	1992-93
Tuticorin	1986-87	0.80	1996-97
JNPT	1983-84 to 1993-94	343.21	2002-03

In view of this information given by Mr.Ramaswamy, even on merits, the grievance in the petition no

longer survives.

3. In the circumstances, the petition is disposed of. Rule issued therein is discharged. No costs.

(H.L. GOKHALE, J.)

(V.R. KINGAONKAR, J.)